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1. At 11:30 a.m. on 10 September 1952, single-engine aircraft took off for local flying at Doeberitz airfield. Between 11:55 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., aircraft landed. Thirty-four ground attack planes were parked in the northern portion of the field, while 14 such planes were counted at its southern border. A machine gun was seen at the rear section of the plexiglass cabin of plane released a sleeve target while crossing the airfield with its engine throttled. Before landing again the plane dropped the air sleeve. Right banks were flown over the field. Formations of four planes flying in line abreast formation, of two and three planes were seen. When landing, groups of two planes would touch ground one closely behind the other.

2. On its north side along Heerstrasse the field was protected against observation by a board fence. Observation of the installation from this side was possible only at the gate. The western and southern borders of the field were protected by a barbed-wire fence.

3. At 8:30 a.m. on 10 September, 80 to 95 trucks were detrained at Dallgow railroad station. The detrained trucks were refueled from tank truck the driver of which wore blue epaulets. Jeep occupied by an air force officer and three air force soldiers was seen at the loading ramp. This detail directed the detraining of the new vehicles which left in groups of 6 to 8 toward Mohrbeck, driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 9:15 a.m., Heerstrasse was blocked in places. Apparently, troop units were being lined up for a parade. Source observed a military band. Trucks standing on Heerstrasse were loaded with coal by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Other trucks observed at the field All their drivers were

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4. On 26 September, source observed no aircraft at the field from Heerstrasse and from the highway to Priort. The doors of the hangars were closed. Source observed the propellers of a plane projecting over the fence along Heerstrasse. It was therefore possible that aircraft were parked between the buildings along Heerstrasse and the ten aircraft revetments. No soldiers were seen at the field. Between 10:55 and 11 a.m., a formation of 10 IL-10s landed at the field. All the planes had red propeller hubs

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25X1C and red leading edges on their rudder assemblies. [redacted]
25X1C [redacted] No further aircraft
[redacted] by 12:30 p.m.

5. Six 37-mm AA guns were seen in the southwestern corner of the installation. The guns were not emplaced, and no other equipment was seen. Not far from the guns, piles were driven into the ground in a semi-circle. The concrete cabins had not yet been erected.

6. Ten aircraft revetments, 15 to 20 meters long, 10 meters wide and about 2½ meters high had been constructed along Heerstrasse. Further clearances were established in the patch of woods in the north-western corner of the field. Sizable piles of logs and poles were seen at the field along Heerstrasse.

25X1C 7. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 9 October, an estimated 30 IL-10s were observed at the
25X1C field along Heerstrasse, while another 18 IL-10s were counted in front of the
25X1A hangars. Six 37-mm AA guns each were observed near the fuel dump and in the
southwestern corner of the installation. [redacted]

8. On 24 September, source observed six emplaced 37-mm AA guns about 200 meters south-west of the bomb and ammunition dump, while he proceeded from Loewen Kaserne to the Doeberitz troop training area. The gun crews lived in underground bunkers.

9. About 2 and 4 p.m., there was intensive flying at the field. A radio installation consisting of four masts interconnected by wires and a single mast 40 to 60 meters apart from the four masts was observed on a hill between the highway and railroad line, 400 to 500 meters north of Priort.

25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. According to available information, Doeberitz airfield is occupied
CP 25X1A by two ground attack regiments, which are equipped with IL-10s. The aircraft of
25X1A the two regiments are marked by red and white leading edges of their rudder
25X1C assemblies [redacted]
25X1C of their [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]
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3. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the two ground attack regiments participated in the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army held in the Ietalingen/Heide-Rathenow area and north of it during the period from 25 through 29 September. The two regiments probably moved for this period to some other fields, which would explain the light occupation of the installation. [redacted] The aircraft of the ground attack regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army have their leading
25X1A or upper edges painted in different colors. Painted trailing edges of the rudder
25X1A assemblies have not been observed to date.

4. [redacted] Comment. According to observations made by the same source on 10 July 1952,
25X1A eight concrete air raid cabins, presumably one-man shelters arrived at the field. These concrete cabins may have come from Brandenburg-Arado field, because 17 such
25X1A air raid shelters were loaded on railroad cars there on 7 or 8 August. [redacted]

5. [redacted] Comment. Two ground attack regiments are believed to be stationed at the field. The aircraft of the one regiment are parked in the northern section of the field along Heerstrasse, those of the other regiment in the southern section of the installation. It is believed that each of these regiments is equipped with about 55 aircraft. Sources usually observed about 50 aircraft in the northern section of the field but considerably fewer in the southern portion. It is therefore believed that part of the aircraft stationed at the field are parked in the hangars in the southern portion of the installation.

25X1A 6. [redacted] Comment. This indicates that a total of 3x37-mm AAA batteries are stationed at the field, i.e. two on its west side and one on its east side.